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This week on In Step with Fort Riley, we'll highlight the Gauntlet exercise taking place, talk about Fort Riley's reenlistment goals and feature the Tax Center on post.

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GAUNTLET: Mechanics keep things rolling

By Jeremy Heckler
19th PAD

While it is the men and machines that receive the glory for winning the battles, it is often the men and women, who work behind the scenes, keeping the machines rolling that save the day.

The mechanics and technicians of the 1st Brigade Combat Team work to keep the unit's equipment ready at all times.

"Our basic mission is vehicle recovery, as well as welding and cutting missions," said SSgt. Anthony Rhodes, Company B, 101st Forward Support Battalion, recovery NCOIC.

The recovery unit responds to radio calls in addition to vehicles in trouble while they are out on the road.

"Sometimes we just drive down the road and pass a vehicle and pick them up," said Cpl. Cassandra Walker, Co. B, 101st FSB. Walker, a track mechanic, said she would try to fix the vehicle if she could before hooking it up to the wrecker.

Back at the unit maintenance points and the brigade support area, the mechanics and technicians go to work on the vehicles.

"We've been out here replacing engines, oil pumps and performing a lot of troubleshooting and heavy maintenance," said Spec. Bernard Partridge, a mechanic with Headquarters and Headquarter Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor. Partridge and his fellow mechanics work 18-hour days keeping their tanks rolling.

When vehicles roll into their area, the mechanics go to work troubleshooting the vehicle to pinpoint the problem in conjunction with each unit's maintenance support team. The maintenance support team helps deter-

mine the severity of the problem.

"If they need a new engine, we prep it and remove the transmission from the engine. The MST mounts the new engine and we start it from the ground before we put it in the tank and check it to make sure everything works smoothly.

"Then, we set it back in the tank," said Partridge.

Maintenance comes in all shapes and sizes from the tanks and armored personnel carriers to the communications equipment.

"The customer is our priori-

ty," said Sgt. Steven Welsh, Co. B shop foreman. "Whatever they tell us they need fixed, we take it from them and put it back together."

Welsh said the field units use their equipment hard but it's their job to keep things running.

The group of technicians work all hours of the day to get the equipment on line.

"We can either work with or without our test set or with just a Humvee, a manual and a screwdriver," said Welsh.

"Sometimes the perimeter goes black and everything shuts

down while I'm in the middle of a repair and I go out and put on my gear and get in my defensive position," said PFC Martavia Jones, Co. B.

"When I come back, I have to remember where I was," he said.

For many of the maintenance crews, the biggest challenge is the elements and terrain.

"Working in a tactical environment is difficult especially at night when we have to check equipment using the red light and without our lifts and other facilities," said Partridge.

He said that they have had to

pull engines out at awkward angles and fight to keep engines stable as they drain the oil from vehicles.

For many of the mechanics, the support they get from the vehicle crews is invaluable.

"They get their share of the work like we do and when their vehicle is down, they help us out a lot," said Partridge.

He said that camaraderie and support helps motivate him to get tanks moving again.

"The best thing about this is at the end of the day the tanks run," said Partridge.

Cpl. Cassandra Walker and SSgt. Anthony Rhodes, Company B, 101st Forward Support Battalion, hoists a 5-ton truck with her wrecker during Gauntlet exercises.

TOC
Tactical
nerve center
for division

By Jeremy Heckler
19th PAD

Four trucks stand linked together on the Kansas prairie. They could be confused for any number of things until one looks closer and is greeted by barbed wire and armed guards.

Inside the trucks lies the heart of Gauntlet's battles. It is the 24th Infantry Division Tactical Operations Center, a rolling command post that monitors and reports the battle as it progresses.

"These vehicles serve as the division response cell that is the liaison between Corps-level planners and the units below us," said SFC Michael Dunlap, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division G-3 Training NCOIC.

"Inside the TOC is all of the staff necessary for field operations to facilitate command and control," he said.

The development of the trailers came out of a need to support the division's reserve component.

"After the division activated, we had to find a way to support the National Guard brigades and we had the choice of tents, trucks or a civilian contractor," said Dunlap. "Fort Riley had a lot of extra expansion vans so it was decided that was the way to go."

The Directorate of Logistics equipped the vans on Fort Riley. The result is a facility linked both physically and electronically.

"All of the vehicles are interlinked via walkways and computers," said Sgt. Jonathan Wilbur, HHC, 24th Inf. Div., G-3.

According to Wilbur, the walls of the trucks all expand outward

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Economic numbers show positive impact post has on state

By Karen E. Hinkle
K-State Intern

Fort Riley is the 16th largest city in Kansas and a recent report shows the economic impact of Fort Riley to the state.

According to the latest Economic Impact Report released by the Directorate of Resource Management, Fort Riley's impact in Kansas was \$614,711,430 from Oct. 1, 2000 to Sept. 30, 2001.

The report is a compilation of data that generalizes the contributions Fort Riley makes to the local communities and the state of Kansas. In addition to providing information about the monetary impact, the report provides population data, infrastructure information and details about the post's recycling Center, fish and wildlife program and quality of life at Fort Riley.

"We have tried to show what Fort Riley means, not just to Geary and Riley Counties and the local communities, but to the state of Kansas and the country," said Doug Teener, of the Directorate of Resource Management.

Teener said that Fort Riley is Kansas's fourth largest employer and the state's largest federal employer.

Teener said that the money

He said that payroll is perhaps the most important category in the economic impact report because it reflects how much money people have to purchase goods and services. Teener said that most people on the payroll spend their money at local stores by purchasing groceries, clothing or cars in Ogden, Junction City or Manhattan.

The state also benefits from Fort Riley according to Teener. The state receives revenue from sales taxes on items purchased by people from Fort Riley, and the state receives some state income tax from Fort Riley paychecks. The already tight state budget would be seriously hurt if Fort Riley were to close, Teener said.

"Most of the money the local economies see comes from the payroll." -- Doug Teener, DRM

Since last year's report, Fort Riley has increased the amount of money it puts into the Kansas economy. The total payroll was \$497,441,262. This is an increase of almost \$14,000,000 from the previous year.

Military pay totaled \$266,884,969. Department of the Army civilian pay added up to \$61,457,614. Non-appropriated Fund civilian pay reached

health care, \$9,914,288 on education and \$21,019 in the Combined Federal Campaign category. Spending in all these categories increased \$23,412,832 since the previous year. The largest increase occurred in the supplies, services and contracts category, which includes pay rendered to contractors.

The population of Fort Riley is also on the rise. Nearly 44,000 people make up the Fort Riley community. The number of military retirees living near Fort Riley increased last year by approximately 1,500.

While the number of retirees increased, the actual military population of Fort Riley has decreased by approximately 100. However, the number of family members living on post has increased by 500 people.

Though last year's report indicates a healthy contribution to the local communities and the state, Teener said there could be some concern about the effects of the recession on Fort Riley citizens. However, he said, there is less need for concern because federal workforces are generally affected more slowly than civilian ones.

"We're affected differently than civilian communities. We won't go bankrupt," Teener said.

when the 1st Infantry Division left for Vietnam. The population was lowered dramatically. Teener, who lived in Junction City at the time, remembered the effects.

"I can remember how quiet it was. There was nobody except us kids at the drive-ins. It was just bizarre," Teener said. "There was

an actual visible difference when they were gone."

But it wasn't just the loss of the soldiers that transformed the local communities. Many of the soldier's families moved back to their hometowns, which meant that the local communities and Kansas lost all of this economic

support.

"When something like that happens, you will have a major, major effect on the local economy," Teener said.

That just goes to show how important Fort Riley really is Teener stressed.

Population

Fiscal Year	Population
FY01	~50,000
FY00	~48,000
FY99	~48,000
FY98	~48,000
FY97	~48,000
FY96	~58,000
FY95	~68,000
FY94	~70,000
FY93	~48,000
FY92	~48,000

Economic Impact

Fiscal Year	Economic Impact (\$)
FY01	~\$650M
FY00	~\$620M
FY99	~\$620M
FY98	~\$620M
FY97	~\$620M
FY96	~\$680M
FY95	~\$700M
FY94	~\$700M
FY93	~\$620M
FY92	~\$620M

TOC

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forming four conference-sized rooms. Walking into any of the TOC’s vehicles, soldiers are greeted by LCD displays which carry everything from battle information to broadcast news feeds. “Each vehicle has a monitor so that anything that comes out of the projector screen in G-3 can be seen by the other trucks,” said Dunlap. “We can’t fit 60 people in one truck so this allows them to see everything so they have a better picture of what’s going on in the battle.” Throughout the vehicle are telephone and local area net connections connecting the trucks together. “Our communications section is trying

to make this a fully digital platform that integrates electronics of the modern battlefield,” said Dunlap. He said that in the future it will allow them to send sets of orders digitally to other units via the Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System. In addition to the connectability of the new TOC, the facility provides the division with mobility to move quickly and set up operations anywhere. “The trucks allow us to break down and jump more quickly than to drop tent, put it on the truck and set up somewhere else,” said Wilbur. He said that in a pinch,

equipment can be boxed up and all of the tables taken down in less than an hour. “We can be operational in about two hours with minimum operations,” said Dunlap. “We’re not going to take them cross-country but were going to be able to move it quickly and leave a small footprint,” said Dunlap. “Our main goal is to support the E-Brigades and this allows us the ability to go to the East Coast to support them.” The first test of the new system came last year at Fort Bragg during a Warfighter exercises held with the 30th Separate Infantry Brigade, one of the 24th Infantry

Division’s enhanced separate brigades. “During Warfighter, we had our trucks torn down and ready to move in 90 minutes,” said Dunlap. Before the trucks completion in June of last year, the division housed their operations center in a collection of tents. “Last year, during Gauntlet, we used tents and we had to mop the roofs in order to keep the condensation off the computers,” said Dunlap. Dunlap said that even though the current system still has some glitches it provides them with more independence. “The system allow us to be complete-

ly self-sufficient,” said Dunlap. He said that they don’t need additional trucks to carry tent equipment. “I really despise putting up the tents because I don’t like being in one place too long,” said Wilbur. The facility continues to evolve from its current configuration to better manage information and materials. “We’re still perfecting it,” said Dunlap. “We want to see if we can improve the functionality of it.” They are looking at bringing in another truck or trailer to serve as a central hub for all of the information developed by the division staff..

When ‘Medic’ is yelled, soldiers from ‘Charlie Med’ come running

By Jeremy Heckler
19th PAD

“Failure is not an option for us,” said SFC Randi Hamden, Company C, 101st Forward Support Battalion first sergeant. When a casualty goes down on the battlefield, it falls on the teamwork of medical teams to insure that they are brought home alive. During Gauntlet exercises ‘Charlie Med’ of Company C, 101st Forward Support Battalion took up the responsibility of treating soldiers. The treatment of soldiers begins with the work of medics from the line units. They pick up the injured for transfer to their battalion aid station. The aid station triages patients and stabilizes them for transport to the next level of treatment. “The key to our casualty evacuation is to make sure we have at least two combat lifesavers with each to assist the medics,” said First Sgt. Redell Reeder, Battery 3, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery. Reeder said that the crews train so that they can keep their buddies alive. “We let them know that practice makes perfect so that when the real situation arises they will be up to the challenge,” said Reeder. After being evaluated and stabilized at the aid station, casualties are evacuated to an ambulance exchange point, where they are reassessed. “When we come out here, we set up equipment, triage patients, determine the severity of their injury, the order of evacuation,

and evacuate them either by air at the landing zone or by ground transport,” said Capt. Richard Bett, Co. C, 101st FSB physician assistant. “The ambulance exchange point is the midpoint from the forward aid station back to the BSA,” said Sgt. Daniel Ball, Co. C, 101st FSB. “Here we re-evaluate the casualties and treat what injuries we can.” “Training provides an interesting challenge for us because we don’t see a wound so we have to simulate that,” said Constantine. She said that the unit applies bandages where needed but when medication and oxygen are needed they talk through the steps and simulate the procedure. The next stop for many patients is the medical facility at the brigade support area. The brigade support area provides medical, dental, X-ray and laboratory facilities as well as additional medical personnel. Many of the members of Charlie Med recently returned from a deployment in Kuwait. “Our mission here is the same but we’re out here to prepare for deployment,” said PFC Erin Constantine, Co. C, 101st FSB. “The goal out here is to get everyone on the same page and reintegrate our unit.” “Many of our soldiers came out with us for the first time yesterday and so we had one day to integrate as a unit and push forward,” said Mancini. That meant they focused not only on the ongoing battle, but also on the rhythm that comes from building familiarity with the other soldiers. Many of the redeployed sol-

diers had to reacclimatize to the cold weather. “The weather here is a big change but I spent two weeks in Missouri with family and had a chance to acclimate myself,” said Constantine. Teamwork is what makes the difference between life and death. “Teamwork is extremely important,” said Mancini. “Communication is key to ambulance exchange because if the aid station doesn’t tell us what’s coming we won’t know what to expect and won’t be prepared and if we don’t pass that information on to the BSA they won’t be prepared to treat the casualty.” While the emphasis is on training, when real life situations intervene the medics make a smooth transition to handle the case. “Not much changes when the real world intervenes because we go through the same procedures but the real world takes priority for our team,” said Hamden. “We actually had two real world medevacs during company STX,” said 1st Lt. Brenda Mancini, Co. C, ambulance platoon leader. “Events like that make the soldiers realize what they do can affect other people’s lives.”



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Soldiers from Co. C, 101st FSB, prepare a casualty for an evacuation. The ambulance exchange point is where wounded soldiers are transferred to vehicles which will take them to the next level of health care.

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Commentary

Single-parent soldiers truly ‘Army of one’

By Denver Beaulieu-Hains
ARNEWS

WASHINGTON- - Being a sole parent in the military is a lot of things: demanding, difficult, challenging; but the one thing it isn't — is impossible.

For three years as a single mother, I woke up at 4 a.m. to get ready for physical training, dressed and combed the hair of my three girls to make the 5:45 a.m. drop-off for the early morning before-school care.

My life depended on a long list of childcare providers, friends and family to insure my family care plan was providing constant supervision for my children during frequent deployments and field exercises.

I needed reliable care on a stand-by basis.

Most people won't admit their prejudices against mothers in the military, women in the workforce, and sole parents, in general.

Some believe that single parenthood is a low-class, uneducated, never-been-married, desperate woman's problem and these women burden the system with gripes about childcare and special needs.

I offer that both my spouse and I were college-educated and were married for more than 10 years, and we both were committed to our military professions. All the positives weren't enough to keep the marriage together.

Army statistics for 2000 show there are about 36,000 soldiers who are sole parents.

Of the women in the Army, 6.8 percent are single parents.

About 3.1 percent of the men in the Army are single soldiers who have custodial responsibility for children, according to statistics from the Defense Manpower Data Center.

Nationally in 1998, the U.S. Census Bureau determined that male-headed single families were on the rise, while the number of women heading families

remained constant at about 9.8 million women versus the 2.1 million men at the time.

Because of shrinking budgets and less personnel, we all do more with less and that makes old-fashioned ideas that alienate soldiers — enlisted and commissioned —unpractical.

As a soldier, my biggest challenge was keeping the special challenges involving my children at home, and out of the workplace.

I never wanted the perception to be that I was using my children to get out of 24-hour duty or weekend assignments.

Most of my friends were also sole parents and we made it by keeping tight circles.

We sometimes even exchanged keys to our homes in case we got the dreaded late-night/early-morning alert call.

Putting all the stereotypes behind us, what all soldiers need most to be successful is unbiased support and guidance through the military's many programs

and services, like those provided by Army Community Services, childcare co-ops, single-parent support groups and parenting classes.

Units should encourage soldiers to use the services, as well as other federal and state programs, which may assist with child-care subsidies and lists for state-trained and certified home-care providers.

Every soldier and soldier's family has the potential to serve as a vital member of a support system that links sole parents and their children to an array of alternate fathers, mothers, cultures and experiences that not only serve as a support system, but also a source of enrichment.

Today, I'm an Army civilian. Nothing has changed. It was hard then and it's hard now.

These days my employment hinges on a mobility agreement and five months of training, during which two of those months I completed a resident course at Fort Meade and couldn't bring my fami-

ly.

My 12-hour days at the 25th Infantry Division in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, were just the beginning of what was to be the rest of my life.

When I accepted the job, the feedback I received was that I should settle into a career that requires less obligation, because I should be a mother first, and I am.

The most valuable lesson I've learned is that if I could be a sole parent and make it in the military, then I can do anything.

Not only have I learned to think ahead and plan for the worst, I also feel that my children have benefited because of the other hard-working soldiers we were surrounded by on a daily basis.

My girls have learned the value of independence and self-sufficiency.

No, it's not an easy road to travel, but it's certainly possible using the "one Army, one team and one mission" theory with soldiers taking care of soldiers.

“Black Hawk Down draws comments from viewers

By Joe Burlas
ARNEWS

WASHINGTON — The values of valor and self-sacrifice demonstrated by actors playing Delta Force troopers and Army Rangers in “Black Hawk Down” are the same values being shown by soldiers around the world today, Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White said.

White made those remarks at a special screening of the movie for military uniformed and civilian leaders in downtown Washington, D.C., Jan. 15.

“Black Hawk Down,” based upon a book with the same name by Mark Bowden, dramatizes a military operation that went wrong in Mogadishu, Somalia in 1993 and resulted in the deaths of 8 U.S. servicemen and more than 100 Somalis. It opens in theaters Jan. 18.

“Who would have believed a

year after the script was approved for production that this country would be at war,” White said. “The movie has a tagline, ‘Leave no man behind,’ which is extremely important today. That tagline could easily be used by the Army because it reflects the values of valor and self-sacrifice that we have been seeing in our soldiers these past four months as we combat terrorists and terrorism. In fact, those values have been an integral part of the Army during the entire 226 years of its existence.”

Producer and director Ridley Scott told screening attendees that he and co-producer Jerry Bruckheimer decided to make the movie to set the record straight. He said there was an apparent public misperception that the military messed up in Somalia, when in fact it was heroic in a very unstable part of the world. “We thought those soldiers should be remembered for their courage,” he said.

Actor William Fichtner, who played SFC Jeff Sanderson in the film, said he has always appreciated what the military does for the country, but after working on the film, that appreciation has significantly increased.

“Before reading the script, all I knew about what happened in Somalia was from CNN sound bites — that we had gone in there to help feed the starving people there and then something went wrong so we left,” Fichtner said. “In preparing for my role, I made a number of real friends in the Army down in Fort Bragg (N.C), not just acquaintances but friends. I am proud of what my new friends do on a daily basis in defending this country.”

Following the film, CSM Alex Ray Lackey, the Army Reserve command sergeant major, said he hoped employers and others who may not understand what mobilizing reservists are about go see the movie. “There is no doubt in my

mind that they will come away with a better appreciation of the sacrifices our soldiers make on daily basis,” he said.

For SSgt. Mark Erwin, public affairs NCO for 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment at Fort Myer, Va., the movie was the most intense he had ever seen.

“I don't know how it could get more closer to real than was shown,” Erwin said. “I never related more emotionally with what was happening on the screen than I did with this movie. It showed soldiers doing their job and taking care of one another, despite the odds against them.”

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley said the gruesome combat scenes depicted in the movie were so realistic that it brought back vivid memories of the carnage he witnessed when his armor platoon was overrun in Vietnam.

First Sgt. Bruce Moore, a ranger now and during the Somalia operation, was one of several

Somalia veterans who were brought to Washington to view the special screening. He rated the film as being 90- to 95-percent accurate with what he witnessed as a staff sergeant during the 1993 operation.

“What I particularly liked was the way the movie portrayed how young most soldiers are who fight our country's battles,” Moore said.

“Most of the soldiers I served with then, and those in my company today, are 18 or 19 years old. As shown in the movie, they are not out trying to be heroes, but end up doing some pretty heroic stuff, Moore said.”

Lt. Col. Walt Pjetraj, an Army Special Forces officer assigned to the Joint Staff Operations section at the Pentagon, however, believed the movie only scratched the surface of what the soldiers endured in Somalia.

“You have to remember that we

just sat through a little more than two hours of a depiction of what happened, when those soldiers were in a very hairy situation for more than 18 hours,” Pjetraj said.

“We watched it in Class As (uniforms), while they were in it hot and sweaty in (Battle Dress Uniforms) — locked and loaded. After the movie was over, here we are relaxing with adult beverages; when it was over for them, they buried their dead.”

Among other distinguished screening guests were Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, recently retired Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Henry Shelton, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, actress Linda Carter and former Marine officer and political analyst Oliver North.

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Army program assists job search

For many soldiers and civilians leaving government service, finding a new job is their first priority. Congress recognized the importance of employment assistance and required the military create permanent employment assistance centers at major military installations.

According to Jeanetta Chart, Fort Riley Army Career and Alumni Program manager, employment assistance services begin with attending a workshop normally located at one of several sites, including the Department of Labor, Department of Veterans Affairs and ACAP Center.

“These workshops are designed to give everyone that attends the basic knowledge and skills necessary to plan and execute a successful job search,” said Chart.

If a soldiers’ transition timeline or mission requirements prevent him from attending a workshop, Chart recommend another approach.

“Soldiers that can’t attend the workshops should visit the ACAP Center and use JATA to receive the same instruction that is generally covered in a TAP workshop,” said Chart. “Each module of the Job Assistance Training Application addresses one phase of the job search process.”

Chart said together, the six modules present the basics of a job search.

Whether soldiers attend the

TAP workshops or use ACAP XXI JATA, Chart said they will learn the following skills:

- * How to assess your preferences, skills, experience and education/training.

- * How to make career decisions regarding your career objectives and financial needs.

- * How to win an interview by identifying job opportunities, writing effective resumes and applications, and researching potential employers.

- * How to win the job by preparing for and participating in successful interviews.

According to Chart, the Fort Riley ACAP Center can also provide additional employment assistance and resources that include:

- * Counseling and assistance
- * Job fairs
- * Job search libraries
- * Access to job listings
- * Automated tools for preparing resumes, cover letters and federal job applications.
- * Assistance in preparing resumes and cover letters.
- * Assistance in preparing for interviews.

The following web sites will further assist you in your job search:

DoD Job Search

The DoD Job Search web site is a part of the America’s Job Bank service that is designed solely for military service members. This web site can show you

how to translate your military occupational code into a civilian occupation. With more than 1.5 million jobs on-line, it’s a great place to start your job search. Visit the DOD Job Search site at <http://dod.jobsearch.org>

ACAP Job Listings

After years of experience, Chart said many employers are interested in hiring military servicemembers.

“They consider the military to be a highly skilled and disciplined, professional workforce that possesses a well-developed work ethic and strong interpersonal skills,” said Chart. “ACAP Job Listings connects soldiers and their family members with those employers who have indicated an interest in hiring soldiers. Sponsored by the Army, ACAP Job Listings is an active database of current jobs submitted and managed by hiring officials registered with ACAP-On-Line. Jobs posted on this site are also available through the Transition Bulletin Board web site,” said Chart.

Federal Employment Opportunities

Many transitioning service-members wish to continue their government service as civilian employees of the federal government.

Opportunities for federal employment exist across the United States and at many foreign

locations. Chart notes that military service may entitle soldiers to preferential treatment for a federal position.

“A useful veterans guide to federal employment has been developed by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and is available for use at <http://www.opm.gov/veterans/html/vetguide.htm>,” said Chart. “In addition, the Department of Labor’s FirtGov for Workers web site, <http://workers.gov>, offers links to major federal job centers and specific agencies.”

Chart said many believe that applying for a federal job is a challenge.

“Certainly, the federal job search process is unique,” said Chart. “The Office of Personnel Management has developed a web site that provides information on federal job opportunities and the application process and that makes application forms available.”

Chart recommends going to <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov> if federal service is something people looking really want.

Chart said the ACAP Center will also assist eligible soldiers and family members in using all the ACAP services, including searching additional websites available for job opportunities.

The ACAP Center, is located in Bldg. 210, Room 006 or call 239-3946/2278 for more information.

Job fair planned Feb. 8

The monthly Army Career and Alumni Program Job Fairs begin Feb. 8 in Bldg. 210, Room 006.

According to Jeanetta Chart, ACAP manager, you need a game plan to be successful at a job fair. She said that no NFL coach would go into a Sunday game without preparing a game plan.

To start your game plan, Chart said that you will need to pick up a list of employers who will be attending the job fair. This can be accomplished by visiting the ACAP Center.

She said that you will need to decided which potential employers you will want to visit and then do some research about those organizations.

She suggests that you write out questions you would like to ask potential employers on 3x5 cards. She explained that is helpful in answering key questions that may affect your decision-making process on future jobs.

Chart said that first impressions are very important. “Be sure you’re dressed for success,” she said. “You only get one chance to make a first impression.”

Lastly, Chart reminds you to remember your resume. Be sure to target your resume to the specific requirements of each employer. Every employer at the fair should not be receiving the same resume she said.

“You may need to make some slight modifications to your resume and ensure you give the right resume to the right employer,” she said.

For additional information, call the ACAP Center 239-2248/2278.

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Fort Riley soldier tests Afghan water

By Vic Harris
Combined Joint Task Force

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — When U.S. Army ogisticians first arrived at Bagram, they encountered a problem local Afghan villagers have dealt with for four years: where was the drinking water going to come from to support the troops operating on the base?

Initially, bottled drinking water was flown into the landlocked ation by aircraft.

“Flying water in was expensive and cumbersome,” said Lt. Col. onzel Lakey, air base logistics officer. “When we first got here he airflow was limited and bottled water took up lots of space hat could have gone to other critical needs. We needed a natural clean drinking water source here at Bagram to support our personnel.”

Lakey’s logistics team first

tried was a local river about four miles from the air base as a source of water. Maj. Monte Yoder, Bagram’s support operations officer from Fort Riley, set out to test the water from the river.

“Our test registered a large amount of harmful bacteria and algae,” Yoder said. “Apparently the locals were using the river for sewage disposal. This made the water non-potable for our soldiers to drink.”

Four years of drought had forced local Afghan villagers to drink from the same river in which they deposited their waste.

“A few of the villages had wells, but they didn’t have enough water to share with us,” Yoder said.

The Bagram logistics team was out of ideas about where to find a water source when Yoder studied the history of Bagram Airfield.

“I knew the Soviets belt the air-base, so I wondered where they

got their water from,” Yoder said

While reconnoitering the north side of the dilapidated installation Yoder came upon a small mud hut that seemed out of place.

Inside the hut was a pump, said Yoder.

It in fact was a well, which the Soviets had used as a prime water source for the base.

“The well head had no generator to power the pump,” Yoder said. “The entire system had definitely seen its better days.”

Someone had stripped the entire electrical system from the pump house, and it was questionable if the 13-year-old pump would work, said Yoder.

The team needed to know if the well still had any water in it.

“The only way to determine if the well sill had water was to hook up a generator, turn on the 13- year-old pump, and see what came out,” said Yoder.

The team found a generator in

another part of the base and hooked it up to the pump.

“At first we just got dust, then some rusty brown water started coming out,” Yoder said. “After the rust ran out cool, clear water started gushing out by the gallon.”

The team tested the water, said Yoder. It only needed a minor dose of chlorine to be suitable for drinking.

The logistics team’s new discovery benefits more than the soldiers operating at the base. Local villagers share the well and will have exclusive use when U.S. forces leave Bagram, said Yoder.

“We had heard a lot about the drought here, and how the local villagers have had a hard time getting water,” Yoder said. “It’s a great feeling to succeed in getting something that’s badly needed by your soldiers, while at the same time helping some people who have been suffering for a long time.”



Courtesy photo

Maj. Monte Yoder, Bagram’s support operations officer from Fort Riley, tests the water from a river.

Coalition forces open new hospital in war-torn Afghanistan

MAZAR E-SHARIF, Afghanistan (Army News Service) — For many of the people of Mazar e-Sharif, routine medical care may be nothing more than a fleeting memory - a memory of a time before the Taliban.

For others in this war-ravaged city, receiving care for a major emergency was always nearly impossible; few doctors were available, the trek with the sick was too long a journey to make and the benefit of care was not worth the effort.

Families had to make difficult and emotional decisions, often with little time to spare.

The largest, most functional hospital ever seen in Afghanistan opened its doors in Mazar-e-Sharif at a ceremony Jan. 8.

Among the distinguished visitors in attendance were Maj. Gen. L. Hagenbeck, the 10th Mountain

Division commander with duties as commander of the Coalition Forces Land Component Command (Forward), as well as Deputy Defense Minister General Abdul Rashid Dostam, Deputy Commander of the Northern Zone General Ustad Atta Muhammed and the Jordanian Hospital Commander Brig. Gen. Aziz.

The mission to begin handling the routine and emergency care the Afghans so desperately needed commenced the next day.

The planning for a fully functioning hospital in Mazar e-Sharif began long before the bombing ended.

A U.S. Special Forces operational detachment spent a month working with the Jordanian Special Forces in order to provide training needed to complete the security mission at the hospital.

The coalition, which included

soldiers from the 10th Mountain, other U.S. assets and Jordanian personnel, planned, organized and built the tent facility.

“In 10 days, we built a hospital,” said Dr. Ziad F. Al-Shraideh, an anesthesiologist who works at the facility.

Al-Shraideh said the diligent efforts of the forces on the ground in constructing the facility enabled them to complete the construction four days ahead of schedule.

Those 10 days of hard work getting the facility set up translates into a potential lifetime of expert medical care for the people of this region - a situation many Afghans never before experienced.

“Medical supplies and equipment are far superior (here) to traditional Afghan hospitals,” said Al-Shraideh. “Also, by bringing

together everything in one place it is superior, as Afghan hospitals tend to be limited in what they offer.”

The hospital may not appear to be a state-of-the art facility, but not so, said Al-Shraideh. The hospital has two operating rooms and is equipped and staffed to perform emergency, general and elective surgeries.

The hospital is also able to perform such advance procedures as neurosurgery, plastic surgery, and vascular surgery.

In addition to the 15 surgeons the hospital has assigned to it, the hospital has two anesthesiologists and has experts in more than 20 different specialties, including pediatrics, psychiatry, dermatology, radiology, and family practice.

Afghan women will now have medical treatment that was diffi-

cult to get before with the new hospital. The hospital has an obstetrics and gynecology department with capabilities to deliver children. They are also equipped with incubators to help prematurely born children fight for a chance at life.

Most Afghan women see a general practice doctor for their health concerns, if they are able to see one at all, according to Al-Shraideh.

All together, 27 doctors are assigned to the hospital. It has a large clinic tent, a pharmacy tent, six ward tents, a triage tent and a radiology tent.

The Jordanian military has taken the reigns on the staffing, operations and security of the hospital, with logistical support provided by the U.S. military.

“We will provide the Jordanian military with the expendable medical supply requirements,” said Maj. Paul Davis, the liaison officer and medical logistics planner from U.S. Army Medical Material Center, Europe, who is currently operating in the theater.

He said his command could supply more than 7,500 different medical items to the hospital through an established supply system between the two nations.

“We will be able to provide responsive logistics” to the 200 Jordanians running the hospital, said Davis.

While the bombing may be drawing to a close in this first campaign of the war on terrorism, officials said the campaign to rebuild a fledgling nation is just beginning — one piece at a time.

Family Support Center vital during deployments

By Peter Chadwick
19th PAD

The commander of Task Force 1-34 recently recognized the hard work of those who kept the home fires burning during his unit’s recent Kuwait rotation.

Lt. Col. Bart Howard, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor presented tokens of appreciation to key Family Readiness Group facilitators and his rear detachment command.

“The rotation was very successful on many levels,” said Howard before handing out the first memento. “I feel it was very successful with operations back here. Our families were well taken care of.”

As Pearl Speer, Army Community Service Family Program

Coordinator received her framed recruiting poster, she told Howard the family members and rear detachment soldiers did most of the work.

“The Family Support Center is to help families deal with deployment and all the things that go with that,” said Speer. “It’s truly a group effort.”

Speer said the facilitators began working with the task force several months before they left. They prepared the families with training sessions and a “round robin” designed to ensure all their critical documents were in order and familiarize them with available services.

Bess Stone, Family Readiness Coordinator, said they helped to train the unit Family Readiness Group leaders in preparation for the soldiers’ departure. Once the

leadership was trained, the groups, one for each task force subordinate unit, pretty much did their own thing.

Stone said the groups came together for the occasional conference calls to TF 1-34 when Howard would update them on the training and answer questions.

These events would take place at the Kaupan Family Support Center on Custer Hill where the Jan. 14 recognition ceremony was held.

As the soldiers moved out to their desert training, Cpt. Jeffery Edmonds and 1st Sgt. Ronald Forgie moved the rear detachment into the FSC.

Howard said the center was open 24 hours-a-day to direct spouses to the right resources to overcome whatever challenges may arise.

The return of the troops can also be a challenge.

Stone said that chaplain held reunion classes were held and the FRG’s ensured the unit spouses were informed of the times the task force was returning to prepare the proper welcome home.

“The Family Support Center at Fort Riley is a great asset for commanders,” said Howard. “They can rest easy with up-coming deployments that they’ll get all the support they need.”

Fort Riley soldier dies in Virginia

A Fort Riley soldier died Jan. 13 after a long-term illness.

Dead is Spec. Shondell Wilson, 24, of the 937th Engineer Group. Wilson, from Tasly, Va., joined the Army in November 1997 and had been stationed at Fort Riley since May 1998. She worked at Fort Riley as a unit supply specialist.

Tasly was initially treated at Fort Riley’s Irwin Army Community Hospital before being transferred to Brook Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and then later to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Following treatment at Walter Reed, she was transferred to Northern Virginia Community Hospital in Arlington, Va., where she died.

A memorial service will be held Jan. 28 at Morris Hill Chapel at 1:30 p.m.

Commander needed

Candidates are being sought for the next commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and J.S. Army Garrison, Fort Riley. To be eligible, captains may be from any branch, but must have already completed one successful company command. They must have 18 months retainability at Fort Riley and be available to assume command not later than May 15. Interested officers should contact Capt. Adam Wright, G1 Officer Management at 239-6705.

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Serving With Honor

"Six months after I joined the Army, I'm on horseback saluting the President of the United States."

Spec. Stephen Cozart



Spec. Derek Pace, Left, takes aim with his .45 cap and ball pistol as he gallops past a target on his Mustang, Stonewall. Below, Spec. Rodney Rowley, lays his Mustang, Scout, down for protection. Both exercises are part of the Fort Riley Honor Guard's regular routine.



All photos by Flegle

Soldiers continue historic tradition

By Lillian Flegle

Contributing Writer

Being a cavalry soldier in the Fort Riley Honor Guard is more than just riding horses. According to troopers assigned to this ceremonial unit, it requires dedication, a serious interest in history and horses and a willingness to work with people.

Spec. Derek Pace, who's been assigned to the unit the longest, believes the purpose of the FRHG is to keep Fort Riley's horse cavalry heritage alive. "If he cavalry hadn't been here, Fort Riley wouldn't be here," Pace said. "Helping keep the heritage of Fort Riley alive is important — especially since it was the home of the Army's Cavalry School."

Although the rigors of being a modern day cavalry soldier demands a tremendous amount of his time and energy, Pace explained that he and his fellow horse soldiers love the fast-paced

"Two years ago, we worked 89 days straight and got about six hours a day off."

Spec. Stephen Cozart said that during the first year he was with the FRHG, the unit worked, traveled and performed at military and civilian ceremonies and observances for 62 consecutive days.

According to SFC Greg Sutton, FRHG noncommissioned officer in charge, the unit obtains soldier support from the various units on post. He explained that to qualify for duty with this elite unit, soldiers need to meet a few criteria.

"Soldiers need to be in good standing with their present unit. They shouldn't be facing any disciplinary actions. Also, prospective recruits should at least score a 70 or better in each event of the Army's physical fitness test," stated Sutton.

Sutton said that although soldiers with horse experience are preferred, the FRHG will train inexperienced soldier recruits who have the right attitude and are highly motivated.

horse has been used for several years on a very busy schedule, they need to retire — just like race horses," he explained.

Pruente said the unit hopes to purchase up to 30 horses to be used on a rotation for the horses' benefit. "Our ultimate goal is to purchase two horses for each rider. We want to meet the old cavalry standards for uniformity by purchasing bay-colored horses that stand 15-15.2 hands tall and weigh around 1,200 pounds."

Cozart said he was a true "greenhorn" when he joined the unit. He said he was an "awful" horseman and that when he was on horseback, he bumped into other horses and couldn't "steer the thing." He added, "The first day I got here [to the FRHG] is the first time I ever rode a horse."

After 30 days of intensive training, Cozart said he was putting on pistol and saber demonstrations.

"Intensive training got me ready to perform," Cozart explained. "After taking care of the horses, I'd ride until the end of the day. One guy would work

first whole shoe on a horse!" said Cozart with a grin and a wink. "All I need now is practice."

Both Pace and Cozart take great pride that they were members of the Fort Riley Honor Guard that rode in the Presidential Inaugural Parade last year in Washington, D.C.

Cozart said that before he joined the Army, while watching TV at home, he saw Army soldiers, Navy sailors and Marines saluting as they marched past a reviewing stand, and he asked himself, "Who is this guy these people are saluting?" Now, he said he realizes that he's part of Kansas and Fort Riley history because the Fort Riley Honor Guard was the only Kansas contingent invited to participate in President's Bush's Inaugural festivities.

"Six months after I joined the Army, I'm on horseback saluting the President of the United States," Cozart said in amazement. "You realize you're one of the first people from Kansas to ever be invited to be a part of the Inaugural Parade. That's the history that I'm

interested in." "People who are seriously interested seek us out. They come here asking, 'What's this all about?'" he said. "It's not as easy as everyone might think. You live with these people 16-17 hours every day and get to know them. It takes a lot of dedication to bring everyone together as a working unit."

Cozart encourages soldiers who are interested in serving with the mounted color guard not to give up if they don't do well riding a horse in the beginning. According to him, they have to "stick with it" and get their hands dirty. Getting the experience in the saddle is the most important thing he said, "especially since you're dealing with a 1,400-pound animal," Cozart said.

"You're gonna hurt," Cozart warns prospective cavalry recruits. "You're gonna hurt bad, but if you love horses and like publicity and having people be proud of you, come down and try out."

"I don't think too many people get excited about working 14-17 hours a day and even longer. We make lots of road trips, you know," Cozart explained.



Bruce Jones, a meteorologist from Topeka’s Channel 27 news, reflected on historical Kansas tornadoes and hail storms Wednesday at Ware Elementary School. Jones taught six first-grade classes about forces of nature like hail, tor-nadoes and thunderstorms using magic tricks, a video and many other visuals like the meteorology instrument he is reflected in. The lesson was part of the students’ science curriculum.

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COUNTRY STAMPEDE - Have you ever attended a party with thousands of friends, national recording artists, and four days of non-stop music and fun? Country Stampede is a weekend country music and camping festival June 26-30, in Manhattan. The weekend is fun filled and action packed with great performers, fantastic food, colorful crafts, and much, much more! Top performers will include Lonestar, Alan Jackson, Kenny Chesney, Toby Keith and more. ITR now making discount orders now for one-Day at \$35 and three-Day for \$65. Gate prices will be \$40 and \$75 respectively.

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coach convert into bunk beds allowing passengers to lie down horizontally and catch some sleep while driving across Kansas at night. Wake up rested and ready to ski or snowboard the next morning. Packages include transportation on Deluxe Sleeper Motorcoaches, hotel or condo lodging and lift tickets for each ski day. Call ITR for numerous ski packages to include transportation.

SNOW CREEK LEARN TO SKI - If you ever wanted to try a sport of skiing or wanted a friend to learn...Now is the time! On Feb. 11 ski in historical Weston, Missouri, located 15 minutes from KCI airport. Snow Creek has 100 percent snowmaking capabilities. Cost is \$15. This includes a special rope-tow ticket (valid for beginner areas only), complete set of rental equipment, beginner lesson and transportation. Skiers wishing to use the

chairlifts can purchase a discount lift ticket through ITR. Limited space, so make reservations early. Tour is “FREE” to BOSS members (single soldiers only). Space limited so sign up early. ITR also sells discounted ski lift tickets for other ski dates. Let ITR put together a weekend package.

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD MILITARY “HEROES SALUTE” - Universal Studios Hollywood is pleased to announce that a very special promotion is being launched for our military community through April 30. Active duty military personnel will receive complimentary admission into Universal Studios Hollywood as well as the opportunity to purchase five tickets for family and friends at a 50 percent discount. This offer is only at the Universal Studios Hollywood ticket booths. Stop by ITR for brochure and further information.

WALT DISNEY WORLD Salutes the U.S. Armed Forces - U.S. Active military personnel are eligible for discounts at select Walt Disney World Resorts, starting with a \$49 per night rate (plus tax) at Disney’s All-Star Resorts, available most nights through April 30. In conjunction with resort discounts, U.S. active military personnel may purchase The Ultimate Park Hopper Ticket at a 50 percent discount for their guests when making their room reservations in advance. The Ultimate Park Hopper Ticket is not available at the theme park windows, and may only be purchased in conjunction with a room reservation. The dates of validity for the Ultimate Park Hopper ticket match the dates of the room reservation. What makes the Ultimate Park Hopper ticket special? The

Ultimate Park Hopper ticket allows unlimited admission during the period of the room stay at the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney-MGM Studios, Disney’s Animal Kingdom, River Country, Typhoon Lagoon, Blizzard Beach, Pleasure Island, Disney’s Wide World of Sports(not valid for hard ticket events)..and now, DisneyQuest, our indoor interactive theme park. In addition, by purchasing the Ultimate Park Hopper ticket when making room reservations, the tickets will be waiting at the hotel upon check-in...no waiting in line at theme park ticket windows. The entitlement for the Ultimate Park Hopper ticket match those of the complimentary ticket given to each active member of the U.S. military. To make Walt Disney World Resort room reservations call ITR.

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Focus group

The public is invited to participate in a focus group regarding the Fort Riley Commissary on Feb 13. The objective of the meeting is to obtain the views and perspectives of commissary shoppers to asset in helping the commissary better serve customers.

The focus group will meet in the Fort Riley Commissary Training Room located in Bldg. 2310 at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Alice Miller at 239-2921.

Chef at commissary

The Fort Riley Commissary announces the return visit of Chef Dan who will be at the commissary, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 2. He will be sharing his preparation and presentation of gourmet cuisine.

Shoppe open

The Shoppe is open and has a new look and new merchandise to help you get through those winter blues! The Shoppe is located in Bldg. 259 Stuart Ave. Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 239-2783.

Sponsor training offered

Army Community Service is

providing Sponsor Training on Feb. 12 at 9 a.m. This training is for soldiers, family members or civil service employees who are interested in being sponsors for new personnel assigned to Fort Riley. The Training is held at the Soldier and Family Support Center located on Custer Hill, in Bldg. 7264. Registration is required one week in advance for the training. For further information or if you have any questions, please contact ACS at 239-9435.

Course offered

The Postal Operations Center will conduct the next Unit Mail Service Training Course on Wednesday at the Digital Training Center, Bldg. 7285. Class hours will be 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. For additional information, contact Sylvia Johnson at 239-5411.

Christian musicians sought

The Contemporary Protestant Service is looking for the following musicians: piano player, lead guitar player, bass guitar player and an additional drummer. The service meets each Sunday at 11 a.m.. The praise team practices on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. If interested, call Chap. Jim Paulson at 239-3436. (If no answer, please leave a message on the answering machine.)



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US Troops Safeguard Olympics

By Linda D. Kozaryn
Army News Service

When the Winter Olympics begin Feb. 8 in Salt Lake City, Utah, thousands of U.S. servicemembers will be on the scene. Some will be competing athletes; some will be military band members and honor guards. Most will be doing their part to ensure the games are safe and secure.

The 2002 U.S. Olympic team includes 15 soldiers — mainly Army National Guardsmen. Of those, 11 are members of the Army's World Class Athlete Program. Two are coaches and two are alternates who only compete in case of injury to a primary team member.

About 4,500 active duty, reserve and National Guard members are on tap to help federal, state and local authorities provide security and respond to emergencies. The military will provide logistics, communications, physical security, explosives-detection dog teams, temporary facilities and aviation support.

"Security has always been a high priority in preparing for the Games," said Air Force Lt. Col. Lisa Bogdanski, a Joint Task Force Olympics spokeswoman. "Since Sept. 11, we've only strengthened our resolve to do what we can to make the Games safe and to work as closely as we can with other federal, state and local agencies."

She said most of the deploying troops are National Guardsmen from 22 states. About 1,900 are Utah Guardsmen activated by the governor to help provide law enforcement. The remaining 2,600 will support other agencies and the Utah Guard, Bogdanski noted.

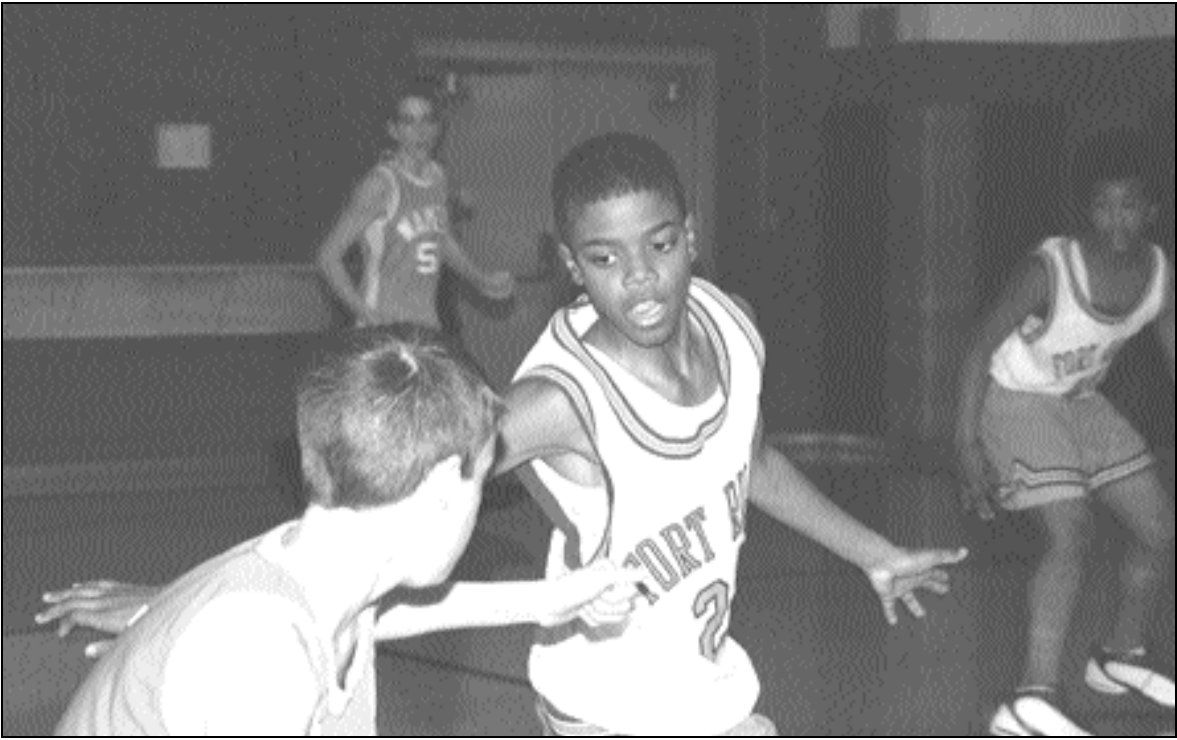
The U.S. Secret Service has the lead for security at the Games. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is the lead agent for preventing terrorist threats, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency is responsible for coordinating the federal response to any unexpected incident.

U.S. officials expect about 70,000 to 80,000 visitors to arrive daily in Salt Lake City from Feb. 8 through Feb. 24. More than 10,000 officials are slated to provide security in the city of 800,000 people. In comparison, the last Winter Olympics in America took place in 1980 in Lake Placid, N.Y. About a thousand federal, state and local officials provided security in the

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WAMEGO 42, FORT RILEY 17

TROOPERS FALL



Post/Doheny

Trooper Tyrell Walker guards the Wamego point guard. Walker and the rest of the Trooper "C" team played hard, but fell to the Red Raiders 42-17 Tuesday at FRMS.

Raiders chalk up big win



Post/Doheny

Trooper coach Mike Whaley talks with a few of his players.

By Kevin Doheny
Sports Editor

After falling in their two previous games, the Troopers of Fort Riley Middle School needed a victory to salvage a 1-2 record in their season-opening home stand.

Losing first to Clay Center, then to Northern Hills of Topeka, the Troopers "C" Team hit the court with aspirations of getting their first victory of the season Tuesday against the Wamego Red Raiders.

The Red Raiders wiped out a quick early lead in the first few minutes by the Troopers and prevailed 42-17.

The Red Raiders used

size and precise offensive sets to jump out to the first half lead of 20-8. Their big men grabbed rebound after rebound, which enhanced the Red Raiders first-half performance.

Trooper "C" Team head coach Mike Whaley tried to switch personnel multiple times but wasn't able to find an answer for the Red Raiders.

"We tried to increase our press and trap a little more, but they found a way to break it," said Whaley. "We went to a smaller line-up to throw them off balance in the second and it seemed to be more effective."

After being down 20-8 at half time, the Troopers played the same type of

ball in the third period as they did the previous two. They weren't able to produce much on the offensive end, and seemed to be out of reach for most of the rebounds.

Going into the fourth period, the Troopers seemed to have more enthusiasm to them and more hop to their step.

"I think they started to feel a little better about themselves during the stretch," said Whaley. The Troopers out hustled the Red Raiders in the final few minutes of the game and put some points on the board.

Gavin Wainwright hit a three-point basket, and

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Army athletes dominate

Brian Lepley

Army News Service

Thirteen Army athletes will compete in the 2002 Winter Olympic Games that open Feb. 8 in Salt Lake City.

The soldier-athletes were named to the men's and women's biathlon and the men's four-man bobsled and women's two-man bobsled teams, capturing nearly half the 27 possible slots.

Sgt. Lawton Redman and Spec. Jeremy Teela were named to the men's biathlon team, and Spec. Andrea Nahrgang, Spec. Kara Salmela and Sgt. Kristina Sabasteanski were named to the women's biathlon team.

Redman, who only took up the sport in September 1998, was the only two-time winner during the trials.

"I had some trouble shooting in the second and third races. I was a little nervous today," Redman said after his win Jan. 3. "I just kind of brought it together and skied hard."

SSgt. Dan Westover was named as alternate for the men's biathlon team after the trials. Spec. Jill Krause was named as alternate for the women's team.

1st Lt. Garrett Hines was named to USA I, the first of two four-man bobsled teams after qualifying trials Dec. 28-29. Spec. Doug Sharp, Spec. Mike Kohn and Spec. Dan Steele are sled pushers for the men's USA II sled.

"The Germans and the Swiss are always powerhouses. Todd (Hays) will be a force; it's going to be a dogfight," Kohn said of the upcoming Games.

Spec. Jill Bakken was named driver for the women's USA II bobsled. Spec. Shauna Rohbock is an alternate. Additionally, Spec. Bill Tavares is the head coach for the women's Olympic bobsled team and Sgt. Tuffy Latour is the women's driving coach.

Biathletes Redman, Teela, Nahrgang, Sabasteanski and Westover, and bobsledders Sharp, Kohn, Bakken and Rohbock are in the U.S. Army's World Class Athlete Program, a Morale, Welfare and Recreation activity of the Army's Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va. Coaches Tavares and Latour are also assigned to the Army's WCAP.

Taekwondo applications due Feb. 4

All Army Taekwondo Trial Camp Applications are due not later than Feb. 4.

Application should be submitted to USACFSC-CR (Sports), ATTN:Ken Polk, The Summit Centre, 4700 King Street, Alexandria, Va. 22302-4418. Or, FAX: 703.681.9745 or DSN 761-7245. Use a DA Form 4762-R, Jan 01 and attach a copy of your birth certificate, Kukkiwan Dan Certificate, and proof of your 2002 US Taekwondo Union Membership application.

Coach Bongseok Kim has been informed he is authorized to select a maximum of 20 men and eight women.

Applications received without the attached requirements will be considered void.

Calendar/Comments

Report Date: April 4 (EUSA elected applicants may report April 3.

All Army Championship: April 20 (National Qualifier); individuals eliminated from this

By Kevin Doheny
Sports Editor

Tuesday at Craig Fitness Center 125th Forward Support Battalion continued their march to a repeat of last season's success with a big win over Battery C, 1st Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery.

After playing in the championship game last year, FSB fired out of the gate with a 16-2 run in the first eight minutes of the game.

"We try to build an early lead so we can hold the opponent throughout the game," said Medell Davis of FSB, leading scorer in the game with 13 points and 11 rebounds. "We try to make them play our game."

"We try to make them play to out tempo," coach Chris Springfield said.

good guards who can get the ball around the court to get every one involved in the game," said Davis. "Everyone on our team can play with anyone."

With the score 26-10 at half-time, ADA needed to switch things up in order to claw their way back into the ballgame.

They began getting pressure on FSB in the second half and scratched their way back to a 10-point deficit, but it was as close as they would get. FSB cruised down the stretch and closed out the game by winning 47-32. FSB had strong guard play, which enable them to control the game.

Gyron Brock, the FSB point guard, had 10 rebounds along with six points.

"He uses guard quickness to be able to get to the loose balls," said Davis.

"He is one of the best guards we have," said Springfield.

"I don't think right now anybody can touch us," said Davis.

Springfield said his team uses





Snow retriever

After the snowfall last week, Tanya Byrn enjoyed the brisk day and shoveled her sidewalks. Her dog, Simba, thought it was a great game and tried to catch the thrown snow in mid-air.

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Troopers

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their big men worked underneath the basket for loose balls. After getting some of the loose balls, they were able to create open shots.

The Troopers won the last battle, but lost war against Wamego, 42-17.

“All the kids played hard, but we had a few, who played extremely well,” said Whaley. “Rodney Garrott and Matthew Jackson-Smith played well in all phases of the game.”

“I’m expecting us to start playing better offensively,” he said. “I’m thinking of making some more changes in the line-up to see if I can find better match-ups.”

“We should start scoring more and not giving up as much on the defensive end, which should make for more competitive games.”

The leaders for the Troopers were Jackson-Smith with four points and seven rebounds, Garrott with six points and two rebounds, Kyle Cobb with two points and four rebounds, and Charles Williams with three rebounds and two blocked shots.

The Troopers will play Chapman Tuesday at 4 p.m.

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town of 2,700 people.

Security preparations for the 2002 Winter Olympics have been under way since 1995, when Salt Lake City was selected to host the Games. Security officials have applied lessons learned from the terrorist attacks at the 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics and at the 1972 Munich Summer Olympics. In the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, U.S. officials re-evaluated security plans for the Olympics to close any gaps that remained.

To serve as a deterrent, much of the security at the Games will be highly visible, according to U.S. officials. Utah Guardsmen will patrol airport terminals, for example. All baggage at Salt Lake City’s airport will be screened for explosives.

Visitors at all venues will be subject to metal detectors. Security officials will use biometric scanners to identify athletes and Olympic officials. Cameras will record visitors’ movements. Portable X-ray equipment will be used to inspect suspicious mail.

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this competition will return parent station May 7.

North American Exchange, May 17, (CISM Qualifiers)

USTU National Championship: May 24-26 (Army will subsidize participation costs for a maximum of one per weight class - men and women, with CISM Qualifiers receiving priority consideration.

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Valentine Sing-a-Grams available

By Steven Cooke
19th PAD

Love is in the air and the time has come for bonded hearts to express their romantic feelings. To help celebrate Valentine's Day, the Directorate of Community Activities will sponsor a Valentine Sing-a-Gram Feb. 13 and 14 and a Sweetheart Dinner and Dance Feb. 14 for members of the Fort Riley community. The Valentine Sing-a-Gram is a fundraiser for Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, said Spec. Jason Dunlap, BOSS president. Participants can have someone serenaded for \$10, have a balloon and a box of chocolates delivered for \$15 or all three for \$20. Though only military or Department of Defense civilian

identification cardholders can send the grams, they can send them to anyone in the Fort Riley, Manhattan or Junction City area. "Most people buy them for their spouse or kids or someone their dating," said Dunlap. The sender can choose one of five or six songs. They also select which day and what time of day to send the gram. The BOSS is bringing the program back due to its success in the past, explained Dunlap. "Past responses to the grams have been real positive," Dunlap said, "The people who receive them really enjoy them. They seem to really appreciate it." The money raised allows BOSS to offset the costs of the trips they sponsor for soldiers and other projects throughout the year. Dunlap explained, "Instead of

charging \$300 for a ski trip we can charge \$200." Reservations for the grams can be made through BOSS representatives, in person at the Information, Ticketing and Registration office or by phone at 239-5614. For hearts that beat as one but eat as two, DCA offers the Sweetheart Dinner and Dance at Riley's Conference Center. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and guest will choose entrees of either oven roasted prime rib with au jus or chicken cordon bleu. When the dancing begins at 8 p.m., DJ Hill will be on hand to play the latest Top 40 hits and take requests, until midnight, when the night ends.. The dance is open to all active duty military personnel, DOD civilians, their spouses and if space permits, to local community

members. "This is a customer driven program," said Jeff Leedy, chief of business operations at DCA, "Civilians, enlisted [personnel] and officers requested something special for Valentine's Day. This is an opportunity to provide a nice atmosphere to community members in a safe and enjoyable environment." The cost for the dinner and dance is \$19.95 per person. Reservations can be made in person or over the phone Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The last day for reservations is Feb. 10. For more information, call 784-5999. Whether it's with songs and chocolate or fine dinning and dancing, DCA gives lovers a couple of ways to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Elementary school artists sought for contest

By Andree Swanson
AFIS

SPRINGFIELD, Va.— Postmark deadline is Jan. 28 for aspiring elementary school artists of military families to enter the Armed Services YMCA's art contest for Military Family Week. The annual contest is open to children of active-duty or reserve military families in the Army,

Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and National Guard in kindergarten through sixth grade. Winners are picked from each service and awarded a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond. Winners' artwork, judged primarily on the theme of "My Military Family," will be featured on the poster for this year's Military Family Week, Nov. 18- 25. Second-place winners receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond.

Department of Defense civilians' children may enter in an honorary category for a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. Children should draw their military family on 8.5-by-11-inch paper in color using pencils, crayons and paints. On the back of each entry include the student's name, grade and age; address; phone number or e- mail a parent may be reached; parents' names; service affiliation and rank of mil-

itary member; military installation; and, if the child attends a Defense Department school, that school's name. Mail entries to Armed Services YMCA, Attn: Art Contest, 6225 Brandon Ave., Suite 215, Springfield, VA 22150. For additional information, visit the Armed Services YMCA's Web site at www.asymca.org, or call 703-866-1260. E-mail queries may be sent to militaryfamily-week@asymca.org.

Tobacco cessation classes offered at IACH

New classes are forming to kick that tobacco habit. Irwin Army Community Hospital offers a four-week tobacco cessation program, which meets on Wednesday from 5 - 6 p.m. or

Thursday from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. For those concerned about gaining weight after kicking the tobacco habit, a dietician teaches participants healthy ways to avoid weight gain.

Military servicemembers, their families and Department of Defense civilians may participate in the tobacco cessation program. For more information, call 239-7323.

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Cancer group meets

The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group will meet Feb. 6, at 6 p.m. at Irwin Army Community Hospital on the first floor, in the patient waiting area of the Surgery Clinic. Military servicemembers, their family members and Department of Army civilians are welcome to attend. Participation is encouraged for persons who were recently diagnosed with cancer, family and friends of persons with cancer and cancer survivors. The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting is usually held on the first Wednesday of the month. For more information, call 239-7163.

Diabetes class meets

The Diabetes Education Class will be held Feb. 7, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Nutrition Care Division Classroom at Irwin Army Community Hospital. This is a four to five hour class that will cover diabetes types and symptoms; hyperglycemia; nutrition; exercise; glucose monitoring; oral diabetes medication; insulin therapy and standards of medical care for diabetic patients. To enroll in the Diabetes Education Class, patients must have a referral from their primary care manager or a community-screening program. Patients who have a referral should call the local TRICARE Service Center at (785) 784-1200 or call toll free 1-800-874-9378.

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